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### **DLNR CONTINUES TO SEEK DIALOGUE WITH KAHANA FAMILIES FOR COOPERATIVE SOLUTIONS**

Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson Laura H. Thielen is continuing to work to set up a meeting with the six Kahana Valley families this weekend.

“We want to create an environment where we can sit and talk together directly, understand one another and try to come to agreement on a mutually beneficial solution,” Thielen said.

Thielen committed to the families’ legal counsel, Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, that the Department would not move forward with any eviction while constructive discussions continue over the next week.

“We are searching for a solution that will respect the interests of these families, the interests of valley residents, those with ties to Kahana that are living outside the valley, and the future of the Kahana Valley state park. We believe a solution can be reached by working together in a cooperative environment,” Thielen said.

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